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- 1. A guided missile research establishment has been set up on the Baltic coast (no more precise location given), where deported German technicians are also employed.
- 2. In early October 1947 an accident occurred. An A-4 rising from the firing platform suddenly fell to the earth after reaching a height of about 100 meters. One Soviet engineer Major and six other officers were killed. The missile did not explode, but several other engineers sustained burns from fuel which spurted out of the missile during its fall and caught fire. During these A-4 trials, the warhead of the missile was not pointed, but is described as "stumpfer Elefant" (blunt elephant).

November 1947

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Dismantling of the equipment for the production of guided missiles in Nieder-sachswerren ended on 12 November 1947. Guided missile parts are still on mann 3in the underground installations, particularly a major stock of 20-Volt electromotors which were used for guiding the A-4. These parts are not being transported away by the Russians, but remain in the galleries, which are at present, being blown up together with all the material there. The demolitions will contimus into December 1947.

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